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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

8. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 3, comprising an adhesive layer for adhesion with other members on the hard coating layer.

9. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 8, comprising at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhanced plate on the adhesive layer.

10. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the thickness of the transparent protective layer is from 5 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the transparent protective layer contains transparent particles selected from the group consisting of inorganic fine particles made of silica, alumina, titania, zirconia, tin oxide, indium oxide, cadmium oxide, antimony or oxide, and organic fine particles made of a cross-linked or non-cross-linked polymer.

12. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 5, wherein the adhesive layer comprises at least one of an acryl series polymer, a silicone series polymer, polyester, polyurethane, polyamide, polyether, fluorine series polymer, and rubber series polymer.